

June 30, 2010 Morning Highlights 11:00 a.m.

Contacts

Fire Information: (907) 356-5511

Report Fires: Call 911 or (800) 237-3633





Kanuti River Fire (#514) photos: Will Hutto, BLM Alaska Fire Service June 29, 2010

New Fires

Kanuti River (17 acres): Tanana Zone detection spotted the fire and 1 load of smokejumpers along with air attack and a CL-215 water tanker initial attacked the fire. The Allakaket Crew was dispatched to the fire for additional support.

Forest Service/Tongass Region: 2 fires were reported (.1acre/.3 acre) and suppressed by USFS Fire personnel with help from the local fire department.

6 STAFFED FIRES



Pat Creek Fire (12 miles NE of Stevens Village) Personnel: 235, Acres: 10,791 acres

Yesterday's fire behavior was moderate due to the light rain received in the area. Additional crews and overhead personnel have been ordered to meet the incident objectives.

For photos and maps of this fire please visit http://inciweb.org/incident/2004/.

Pat Creek Fire photo: Steve Theisen, BLM Alaska Fire Service June 29, 2010



Louie Creek Fire (9 miles southwest of Huslia) Personnel: 157, Acres: 8600

Even with the hot and dry weather fire personnel have successfully prepped the northeast perimeter to conduct a burnout operation that will limit spread of the fire towards Huslia. Crews will continue the Allotment and structure assessment and prepping continues along the Koyukuk River.

Louie Creek Fire photo: AJ Chapman, BLM Alaska Fire Service June 29, 2010

Noatak River (15 miles north of Kotzebue):

Personnel: 12, Acres: 103

Firefighters continue suppression of the fire despite the erratic wind shift late yesterday afternoon. The fire is 60% contained.

Willow Creek Fire (10 miles SW of Fairbanks)

Personnel: 7, Acres: 2,154 The fire area received rain and air surveillance reported minimal smoke and activity. For additional information please call fire information at #907-378-0196, email willowcreekfire@gmail.com, or visit http://inciweb.org/incident/2000/.

Kaldolyeit Lake Fire (42 south of Bettles)

Personnel: 8, Acres: 10

Smokejumpers continued to mop up along the fire perimeter.

Montana Creek Fire (20 miles north of Deering)

Personnel: 8, Acres: 3500

The fire is 100% contained and demobilization will begin today for fire personnel.

FIRE SUMMARY

Initial attack yesterday was calm due to the moist weather in the interior. Statewide preparedness level remains at Level 2. Currently there are 92 active wildfires statewide. A total of 911,292 burned acres this summer.

Additional information about each fire can be found at: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf

Wildland Fire Smoke Information

Learn more about wildland fire smoke and air quality from the following websites:

- AK Department of Environmental Conservation smoke information: http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/smokemain.htm
- AK Department of Environmental Conservation Air Quality Advisories/Alerts: http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/ag_sr.htm
- Fairbanks North Star Borough Smoke Visibility/Air Quality: http://co.fairbanks.ak.us/airquality/Docs/ParticulateLevels.pdf">http://co.fairbanks.ak.us/airquality/Docs/ParticulateLevels.pdf

Aviation Awareness

A Temporary Flight Restriction is in place over the Pat Creek Fire. Pilots should check NOTAMS (http://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.html), and keep airspace safe by staying at least 7 nautical miles away from ALL wildland fires as there may be fire aircraft working in the area.

Additional References

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/
 - Map of Current Fires: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php
 - o Situation Report: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf
 - o National Fire Situation: http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf
 - Guide to Wildland Fire Suppression in AK: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/news/psa/
 Media%20Guide%20to%20AK%20Wildland%20Fire%20Suppression.pdf
- Alaska Division of Forestry (Burn Permit Info): http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/
- Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group- Education and Reference Materials: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/administration/awfcg.php
- Search for "Rural Alaska Fire Prevention Video" www.youtube.com
- Protect your home and property!: http://firewise.org/ and http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/firewise09.pdf
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, http://511.alaska.gov/
- National Parks Service: http://www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm
 - o Denali:http://www.nps.gov/dena/parkmamt/currentfireinfo.htm
 - Yukon-Charley: http://www.nps.gov/yuch/parkmamt/currentfireinfo.htm
 - Gates of the Arctic: http://www.nps.gov/gaar/parkmamt/currentfireinfo.htm
 - Noatak National Preserve: http://www.nps.gov/noat/parkmamt/currentfireinfo.htm
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: http://www.fws.gov/fire/
- USDA Forest Service: http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/
- Anchorage Fire Department: www.muni.org/fire
- National Weather Service: http://www.nws.noaa.gov/
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: http://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.html
- Federal Aviation Administration: http://www.faa.gov/
- InciWeb http://www.inciweb.org/

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